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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-74 (canceled).

75. (new) A drywall joint compound, comprising:

- (a) filler;
- (b) binder;
- (c) dust reducing additive comprising mineral oil; and
- (d) sufficient water to adjust the viscosity of said joint compound to render said joint compound suitable for use.

76. (new) A drywall joint compound as defined in claim 75, wherein said mineral oil comprises from about 1.5% to about 6.0% of the joint compound total wet weight.

77. (new) A drywall joint compound, comprising:

- (a) filler;
- (b) binder;
- (c) dust reducing additive comprising vegetable oil; and
- (d) sufficient water to adjust the viscosity of said joint compound to render said joint compound suitable for use.

78. (new) A drywall joint compound as defined in claim 77, wherein said vegetable oil comprises from about 1.5% to about 6.0% of the joint compound total wet weight.

79. (new) A drywall joint compound as defined in claim 78, wherein said filler comprises from about 60% to about 70% of the joint compound total wet weight, and said binder comprises from about 4% to about 14% of the joint compound total wet weight.

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80. (new) A drywall joint compound as defined in claim 79, wherein said binder comprises an acrylic copolymer.

81. (new) A drywall joint compound, comprising:

- (a) filler;
- (b) binder;
- (c) dust reducing additive comprising oil derived from petroleum; and
- (d) sufficient water to adjust the viscosity of said joint compound to render said joint compound suitable for use.

82. (new) A drywall joint compound as defined in claim 81, wherein said oil comprises from about 1.5% to about 6.0% of the joint compound total wet weight.

83. (new) A drywall joint compound, comprising:

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- (a) filler;
 - (b) binder;
 - (c) dust reducing additive comprising saturated oil; and
 - (d) sufficient water to adjust the viscosity of said joint compound to render said joint compound suitable for use.

84. (new) A drywall joint compound as defined in claim 83, wherein said saturated oil comprises from about 1.5% to about 6.0% of the joint compound total wet weight.

85. (new) A drywall joint compound, comprising:

- (a) filler;
- (b) binder;
- (c) dust reducing additive comprising at least two oils; and
- (d) sufficient water to adjust the viscosity of said joint compound to render said joint compound suitable for use.

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86. (new) A drywall joint compound as defined in claim 85, wherein at least one of said oils comprises mineral oil.

87. (new) A drywall joint compound as defined in claim 85, wherein at least one of said oils comprises vegetable oil.

88. (new) A drywall joint compound as defined in claim 85, wherein at least one of said oils is derived from petroleum.

89. (new) A drywall joint compound as defined in claim 85, wherein at least one of said oils comprises saturated oil.

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90. (new) A drywall joint compound as defined in claim 85, wherein said dust reducing additive comprises from about 1.5% to about 6.0% of the joint compound total wet weight.

91. (new) A drywall joint compound as defined in claim 85, wherein said filler comprises from about 60% to about 70% of the joint compound total wet weight.

92. (new) A drywall joint compound as defined in claim 85, wherein said binder comprises from about 4% to about 14% of the joint compound total wet weight.

93. (new) A drywall joint compound as defined in claim 85, wherein said binder comprises an acrylic copolymer.

94. (new) A drywall joint compound as defined in claim 85, wherein said dust reducing additive comprises mineral oil and unsaturated oil.

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95. (new) A drywall joint compound, comprising:

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- (a) between about 60% and about 70% filler material;
 - (b) between about 4% and 14% binder material;
 - (c) ~~between about 1.5% and 6% dust reducing additive comprising a mixture of~~
mineral oil and unsaturated oil; and
 - (d) sufficient water to adjust the viscosity of said joint compound to render said joint compound suitable for use.
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